

SECTION SR-5 PLANBOOK

A Centennial Report



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Looking Back with the Section Vice Chief

Hello brothers,

Our centennial celebration has come to a close and now, it is time to reflect on this momentous year and the next century that is ahead. Years ago when SR-5 was SE-5, the Section would publish a special planbook from time to time to celebrate the bonds of brotherhood between the lodges. The purpose of this centennial planbook is to do just that and to celebrate the brotherhood here in SR-5. Each Lodge Chief has submitted a centennial “state of the lodge” report along with the Dixie centennial histories and a listing of Centurions. It is my hope that this publication will encourage Arrowmen to consider visiting other lodges in the Section.

In April, we all gathered to celebrate the Order’s centennial anniversary at Camp Belk for the Dixie Fellowship. There, each lodge rededicated itself to the ideals of the Order, and the bonds between each lodge were strengthened. Soon after that, the Arrow-Tour road crews journeyed around the country sharing the Order’s legacy. On July 3rd, ArrowTour arrived at Camp Barstow for the SR-5 pit stop and even brought along National Chief Alex Call. Muscogee was a fantastic host for the Southern Region crew, and the stop was a great success!

Not too long after that, over 15,000 Arrowmen gathered for the exciting celebration at the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference. During the conference, Greg Bajan and Russell Smart were recognized as the latest Distinguished Service Award recipients from SR-5. Also at NOAC, the Centurions were recognized for their outstanding legacies of service as “hometown heroes”. You can find a special video recognizing the Section’s Centurions here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ofeiwf2BHnI>.

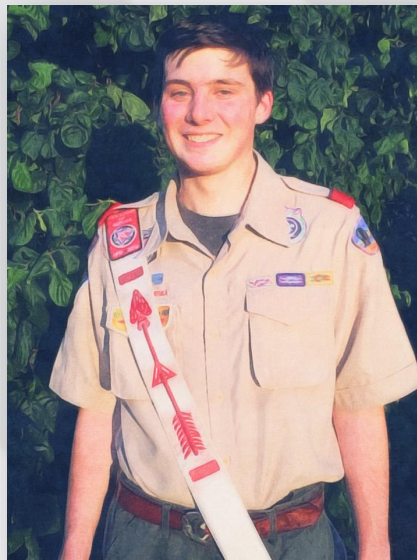
During the Conference, National Chief Alex Call issued a special dare. He introduced what became known as #DareToDo which encouraged Arrowmen throughout the country to commit to giving a small act of service each day after NOAC for 100 days in commemoration of the Order’s legacy of service.

With the next century ahead, there is so much to look forward to! This year has been one filled with progress for our lodges in SR-5. Remember to keep the Arrow aimed high! WWW

In the Spirit,



Matthew Watson
SR-5 Section Vice Chief



Introduction

Chiefly Speaking

Brothers,

For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow has served as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America for countless of scouts and scouters not only across our country, but across the globe. Here in Georgia and the Carolinas, our brotherhood runs deep in our roots. The Dixie Fellowship each April is arguably one of the most premier OA events an Arrowman in our organization could attend. From Asheville to Columbia to Augusta, our brothers have provided countless hours of service to our camps, councils, and communities. The names of our lodges can be counted on our fingers but our impact is unfathomable. The ten flames we have kindled together create one great light. In what started as the Wimachtendienk, the idea of recognizing those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives has transformed into an organization of leadership, service, and willingness to further the scouting movement. Our second century will face many challenges ahead. We as Arrowmen must be those in our units who promote camping, teach our peers scouting skills, and promoting the Order's values to those around us. Leaders in our lodges will strive to continue on lodge-council relations to strengthen the larger program ahead. As a section, we are constantly searching for ways to empower lodges and serve as a forum to exchange best ideas and practices. No matter your role, believe in our mission and purpose. Through that, our organization becomes one of the spirit. Without actions, words are just words. The trail behind us has been blazed by our founders and the generations that came after them. Now as we turn the page to our next chapter, we must pick up the shovel and lay the foundation for our path ahead. We have reached a summit, but let it serve as a milestone in our journey ahead.

Best,

Reed Powell
SR-5 Section Chief

Minutes from the Secretary

As this year comes to a close I have thought about the progress we have made as a Section. Between earning all of the Group Dance awards at NOAC and being nationally recognized or involved, our Section has come a long way. Going into the next century, it is a good practice to remember where we come from and realize that there is always room for improvement or a new summit. Given this, I would like to issue a challenge to each and every one of you. I take inspiration from one of John F. Kennedy's most famous quotes when looking at making a difference. When approaching the Order of the Arrow program, think not what the OA can do for you, but what you can do for the OA. The best return are the results of what you make the next generation and this new century. In fact, this is one of the main principles of our Order to be selfless and give service to others. Doing so provides the greatest personal profit through the satisfaction of seeing the Order we have made together. Please share this challenge while keeping it in mind through our next chapter of the Order of the Arrow.

Yours in Cheerfulness,

Taylor 'LT' Everard
SR-5 Section Secretary



Bob White Lodge

State of the Lodge

To whom it may concern,

During its 2015 year, the Bob White Lodge has managed to accomplish quite a number of extraordinary things and also continue the high standard of excellence it has held for years. The year began with a record-breaking annual Lodge Banquet hosted by the then Lodge Chief, Reed Powell. The banquet was attended by well over 100 Arrowmen and their family members to make it the largest banquet recorded in lodge history. At the banquet, LEC members and award recipients were recognized along with the new Vigil Honor inductees. The banquet also served as the Bob White Lodge's centennial event to complete the requirement for the Arrowmen Service Award. At the banquet special prizes including coasters and plaques designed after the Bob White Lodge's centennial flap design were raffled off. Overall, everyone who attended enjoyed great food and fellowship in a way that perfectly started the Order of the Arrow's centennial year. The next event to occur was the newly presented Lodge Winter Fellowship located at Camp Daniel Marshall. The event was displayed as an opportunity for the lodge to prepare for Dixie while also participating in training and having fun fellowship. Friday night, the group attending was thrilled to watch the classic movie: Monty Python and the Holy Grail, which perfectly aligned with the lodge's Dixie theme. Friday night and Saturday morning, leadership sessions were taught to prepare Arrowmen for Dixie and being in leadership positions. This was the first time a fellowship that was not associated with an Ordeal has happened in the lodge for a long time and will hopefully continue to be a tradition in the future. In March of 2015, the lodge held its annual Spring Ordeal at Knox Scout Reservation. At Spring Ordeal, an extremely large number of candidates were inducted along with new Brotherhood candidates. Great service projects as usual were performed to promote areas such as soil and water conservation and others. The Ordeal weekend ended as usual with a bi-annual General Lodge Meeting. At the General Lodge Meeting, the lodge voted on a new by-law proposed by Reed Powell which if approved would change lodge position terms from running Dixie to Dixie to running from January 1st to December 31st. The by-law passed and took effect later on in the year at the Fall Ordeal when new elections were held. The General Lodge Meeting ended with elections with the results being as follows: Lodge Chief: Reed Powell, Vice Chief (VC) of Administration: Carter Harwell, VC of Inductions: Jonathan Francisco and lastly but definitely not least VC of Program: Joe Neely. These terms would run from Dixie to December 31st 2015. During the 2015 spring break, the Bob White Lodge sent a number of Arrowmen to a weekend National Leadership Seminar (NLS). At NLS, attendees learned a wide array of new skills regarding how to lead their lodge. Arrowmen that attended were expected to retain the knowledge that they had gained and take it back to their lodge in order to improve it. Sessions taught used a number of unique and interesting teaching methods which gave a special meaning to the weekend for all those that went. After much preparation and anticipation, the Bob White Lodge went to Dixie 2015 hosted by Catawba Lodge. Located at Belk Scout Reservation, those who attended from Bob White could immediately tell they had arrived at a well-coordinated event and that would soon be having a great deal of fun and fellowship. Friday night, the lodge enjoyed great entertainment provided by the host lodge. Also on Friday night, both the Bob White ceremonies team and other Arrowmen prepared for a long day of competition and fun.

On Saturday the ceremonies team competed in both the Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremony and meanwhile other Arrowmen compete in various competitions in the quest for the golden arrow. The lodge placed in a number of different events and was also a section honor lodge. The amazing weekend concluded with elections on Sunday for the 2015-2016 Section Chief, Vice Chief and Secretary. A major highlight was our own Reed Powell's election as the new Section Chief. The next event the Bob White Lodge's calendar was the 2015 Spring Lodge Leadership Development Event located at Camp Daniel Marshall. Among the number of attendees at this event were both the new Section Chief and Vice Chief: Reed Powell and Matthew Watson, respectively. On Friday night of LLDE a Lodge Executive Committee Meeting (LEC) was held. At this meeting, Lodge Chief Reed Powell submitted his letter of resignation to the lodge, and VC of Administration Carter Harwell assumed the position of Lodge Chief. Once the LEC was completed the classes started. LLDE boasted a great lineup of instructors that taught very informative classes ranging on topics anywhere from what it means to be an Arrowmen all the way to how to be a good leader. Overall, those who attended enjoyed fellowship and gained invaluable leadership experience. The next event on the lodge's calendar was Summer Camp at Knox Scout Reservation. As usual, the lodge hosted an ice cream social for the Arrowmen at summer camp. Everyone who attended had great fellowship and plenty of ice cream. Since an OA callout was not an option for the lodge since no one was a candidate at summer camp, the lodge came up with a new idea. We held an OA informative session in which 4 Arrowmen were clothed as the 4 principles and discussed with scouts and scouters what it meant to be an Arrowmen and its history as the BSA's official honor society. The so called "ceremony" was widely received as a huge success and may continue on in the future. While the summer season had ended the lodge's Annual Fall Ordeal was just beginning at Knox Scout Reservation. This event continued the tradition of being well coordinated and attended by a large number of both fellowship members and candidates alike. The lodge weekend started with the Pre-Ordeal ceremony which concluded with a standing ovation. On Saturday a number of projects, many of which were aimed at Dixie preparation, were completed. Projects included painting the new human foosball table and working on restoring the over 200 year old lodge cabin. On Saturday night new inductees were oriented as to what it means to be an Arrowmen and the standards that they are now expected to live every day. On Saturday morning a wonderful scouts own service was performed which served as a perfect lead in to the lodge elections held at the General Lodge Meeting. The results from the elections were as follows: Lodge Chief: Jacob Neville, VC of Administration: Joe Neely, VC of Inductions: Carter Harwell and lastly but most certainly not least, VC of Program: Parker Powell. These position's terms will run from January 1st 2016 to December 31st 2016. The next event that the lodge participated in was the 2015 Jimmy Dyess Days located at Fort Gordon Army Base. This is the Georgia Carolina's premiere camporee which is held every 3 years. As in the past, the lodge had been asked to help with setting up materials and campgrounds at Jimmy Dyess Days along with helping with judging competitions. Arrowmen who helped to staff set up the lodge teepee to be on display for over 1000 scouts too see and also had the lodge store open. Overall, the lodge helped to coordinate the event and represented the Order of the Arrow at the event. Along with the events listed in detail above, the lodge has also helped in planning and completing a number of other events in a bid to provide cheerful service.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Carter C. Harwell, Lodge Chief

Joe Neely, Vice Chief of Administration

Centennial History (From the 2015 Dixie Fellowship Rededication Ceremony)

“Established in 1936 by J Rucker Newbery, Bob White Lodge 87 prides itself on being the oldest lodge in the Deep South. From our first Lodge Chief, Kenneth Forney, to our current Reed Powell, we have been committed to a life of Cheerful Service to the Central Savannah River Area for 79 years. Our first Vigil Honor member was Paul Whittle in 1954 and our first and only Distinguished Service Award recipient is Jay Widby. Bob White has produced five Section and Area Chiefs. A unique aspect of our lodge is our ownership of an 1813 log cabin that has been a part of our history since 1938. Our lodge is also unique, because our name is “Bob White” with two words rather than one like the bird. We became the first lodge in the country to incorporate the centennial totem on a Council Strip Patch, gaining us national attention. We look forward to continuing serving in our Centennial year and into our second Century of Service.”

Centurions

J. Paul Whittle

J. Rucker Newbery

Greg Sewell

Jay Ireland Widby

David Cofield Surret

Gregory Francisco



State of the Lodge

To Whom It May Concern:

We in Eswau Huppeday Lodge have been hard at work representing the Order of the Arrow during the Centennial Anniversary. In 2014, we celebrated our 50th Anniversary, so we felt it only right to commemorate the Centennial with an all-inclusive theme: Time. We brought back all of our themes from the past such as Think Pink, Dinosaurs, and Search for Big Foot, just to name a few. In January we held our annual Winter Banquet. We also hosted the Carolinas' Indian Seminar at Mitchell Community College in Statesville, North Carolina. On the first Saturday of March, we held our annual Beaver Day, where we did several service projects to help prepare for the incoming Summer Camp. At the end of March, we held our Spring Fellowship. At this event, we had inter-chapter competition, food, and, of course, fellowship to fully immerse ourselves in the theme for the upcoming Dixie Fellowship. This past Dixie Fellowship was excellent, and we wish to thank Catawba Lodge for their efforts in putting together that magnificent event. May Ordeal came swiftly, and we inducted our first group of Ordeal candidates. At June Ordeal, we inducted several more members into our circle. During the first week of August, we packed our bags, got on the bus, and we went to Michigan State University for the National Order of the Arrow Conference. At this conference, we learned the Secret to Ruling the World, swept the Old Time Sioux Category, placed third for Historic Group Dance, and second for Southern Sing. At August Ordeal, we worked to help pack up camp until next year, and we had our largest Ordeal group of the year at 62 candidates. At Fall Fellowship we had events centered around the theme to help us all close out the year, Lodge elections, a callout and Vigil for a class of 7, and great fun, food, and fellowship.

In this next century, Eswau Huppeday hopes to continue to be leaders in the Dance and Sing arenas. We plan to continue helping our Council at our fullest extent at our beloved Camp Bud Schiele. One way we have begun this is by constructing a new program shelter on camp. We have already removed the trees, graded the land, poured concrete for the foundation, and we are in the process of setting posts and trusses. This shelter will house our new storage locker as well as be a useful addition of space during summer camp. This is one step we are taking into the next century, and we plan to continue doing projects like this to help improve the camp and carry it into the future. On behalf of Eswau Huppeday Lodge, I would like to thank our Section and National for all they do make the Order what it is, and for helping keep the dreams of Dr. Goodman and Mr. Edson alive, even a century after its beginning. Eswau Huppeday is here to help our Section and National carry these same ideals into the next century and beyond.

Yours in Service,

Philip Guadagno
Lodge Chief
Eswau Huppeday Lodge

Eswau Huppeday Lodge

Centennial History (From the 2015 Dixie Fellowship Rededication Ceremony)

“Our lodge, bearing the national registration number 560, was one of the last lodges to be chartered. It was 1964 before our lodge was chartered and organized. On August 15, 1964, the first business meeting of the Piedmont Council Order of the Arrow Lodge was called to order. The lodge name and totem were chosen, and the first officers were elected. Eswau Huppeday, the Catawba name for the Broad River, was chosen to be our lodge’s name. Our lodge’s dance team has won first place in the regional group dance competition over a dozen times, and has taken first place at the National Order of the Arrow Conference several years. We have also had several individual dancers win at the National Order of the Arrow Conference, as well as our regional competition. In 2014 we celebrated our 50th year anniversary for Eswau Huppeday Lodge. We will be attending the National Order of the Arrow Conclave this year, and we are very excited about celebrating the 100th year anniversary of the Order of the Arrow.”

Centurions

Ed DeTorres

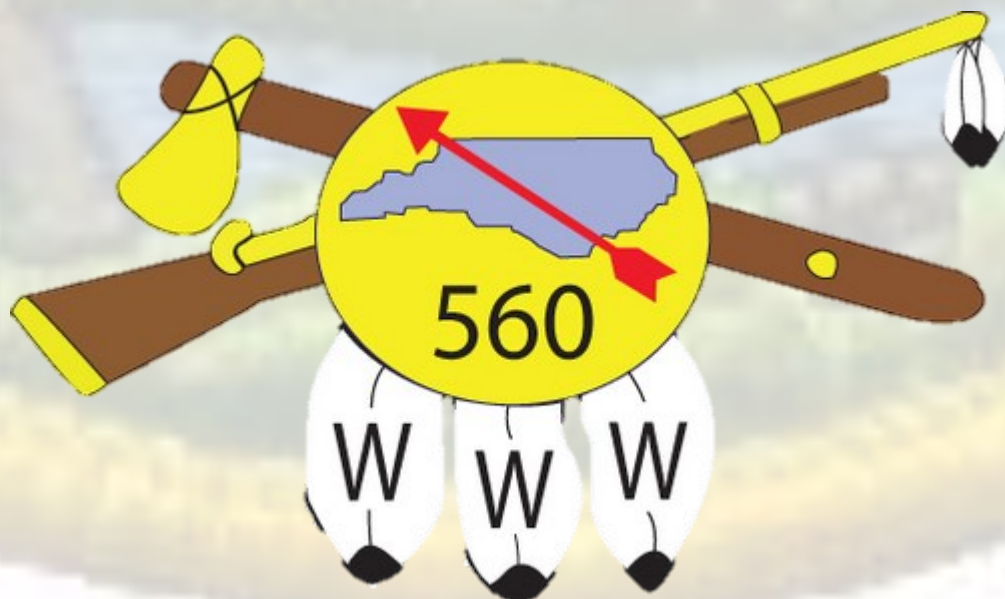
Jimmy Arthurs

Kevin Gantt

Michael Lowder

Sonny Smith

Derek Harbin



Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge

State of the Lodge

To whom it may concern,

The 2015 year has been full of fun and many celebrations for Itibapishe Iti Hollo. We have had amazing participation in Dixie and NOAC.

We were able to take 100 people to the 2015 Dixie. For the first year since we hosted Dixie in 2012 we had a major turnout at Dixie. We were able to participate in almost every single event and give some other lodges a run for their money in some competitions. We hope we will be able to take the same number of people to the 2016 Dixie and bring home some more awards.

Itibap was able to take a contingent of 47 people to the centennial NOAC not counting the 4 members we had on staff. Everyone from our lodge who was able to attend NOAC had an amazing time and had a good time sparking with fellow Arrowmen.

The 2015 year isn't only the 100th anniversary of the Order but also the 75th anniversary of Itibapishe Iti Hollo. We have been able to release some really cool memorabilia to celebrate our lodge anniversary along with the Order's. We are having a 75th anniversary celebration at our fall fellowship. We were able to award 3 Centurion awards to two of our current Arrowmen and the Arrowman that helped found our lodge in 1940. We have re-introduced a service flap to encourage Arrowmen to volunteer to help staff and run council and district events.

We look forward to the next 100 years of service to the Boy Scouts of America.

In Service,

Keith Odom
Lodge Chief
Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge



Centennial History (From the 2015 Dixie Fellowship Rededication Ceremony)

“Dr. E. Urner Goodman founded the Order of the Arrow in 1915. Twenty-five years and 187 lodges later, Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge was founded as part of the Central North Carolina Council which was then headquartered in Concord. Itibapishe Iti Hollo means “brothers together.” This name was proposed by the lodge’s founders, thought to include V. Reary, N. Rabb, Ralph Mullinax, Hubert Powell, C.D. Hemphill and George Thomason, Scout Executive at the time. In 1940, Itibap was a member of Area H which included many of the lodges currently in SR-5, but extended down through Atlanta into Tampa, Florida. In 1944, Itibap became a member of Region 6, Area I, which included the Greensboro, Raleigh, Wilson, Winston-Salem, Asheville, Reidsville, and High Point Lodges. The South Carolina lodges formed what was then known as Area Z. During the war years, Itibap was critical to the growth of the Order of the Arrow in North Carolina, providing Ordeal and Brotherhood Honor teams for other lodges throughout the state. Itibapishe Iti Hollo helped organize Nayawin Rar Lodge 296 in Goldsboro, NC. Under the leadership of Scout Executive G. E. Ashwill, Assistant Scout Executive Ralph P. Mullinax, C. D. Hemphill, and Hubert Powell, the lodge successfully hosted the 1946 and 1947 Area Meeting at Morrow Mountain with over 200 Arrowmen in attendance. The 1946 meeting, at which 5 Itibap Arrowmen received the Vigil Honor, also caused some controversy, as others in North Carolina, including then National Chairman Kel Hale, believed that Itibap had “let the bar down” in taking too many men into the Vigil Honor at one time. (Note, the first Vigil Honor members of Itibap were N. Rabb and V. Reary, who “took” their Vigil at the National Meeting held at Chanute Field in 1946) The 7 men selected for Vigil Honor in 1946 created quite the stir, prompting the National Chairman, Chief and others to write letters cautioning the G.E. Ashwill to petition the national organization for the Vigil Honor judiciously. In 1948, Arrowmen of lodges in Region 6-A, including Itibap, were prohibited from attending the National Meeting held at Indiana University due to the polio outbreak. The Area Fellowship, which was to be held at Camp Uhwarrie in October of 1948, was cancelled due to low registration numbers, but the souvenir patch and neckerchiefs were distributed to lodge in order to recoup some of the expenses incurred in planning the fellowship. Itibap hosted the Dixie Fellowship in 1954 at Camp Dick Henning, near Ellerbe, North Carolina. In the following years, the lodge hosted the Dixie Fellowship in 1967, 1972, 1979, 2001 and 2012 all at Camp John J. Barnhardt. In 1981, Itibapishe Iti Hollo changed from the old Section 3B to Section 7, in which we remained in until January 1, 1997. While a member of Section 7, Itibap was consistently recognized for our great lodge spirit. This was evident when our lodge won the coveted Spirit Award at Camp Bowers during the 1988 Old North State Conclave. The following year, we hosted the Conclave at Camp Barnhardt. In 1990, the lodge celebrated its 50th anniversary. The year was highlighted during the Fall Fellowship, which served as a 50th Anniversary Weekend when over 160 Arrowmen from as far away as Virginia came to celebrate. On Sunday of that weekend a time capsule was filled with memorabilia from the lodge and council. The capsule will remain sealed until the lodge celebrates its seventy-fifth anniversary in 2015. In April of 1993, Itibap attended the last SE7 Old North State Conclave hosted by Occoneechee Lodge 104. Following that weekend, the region and section were realigned to include four new lodges from Virginia. The section was then named SR7 because of the newly formed Southern Region. Effective January 1, 1997, Itibap and two other North Carolina Lodges left SR7 and joined SR5 which includes lodges from South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. The Lodge is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. Currently, the lodge covers seven counties and is divided into seven chapters: Anson, Cabarrus, Montgomery, Richmond, Rowan, Stanly, and Union.”

Centurions

Jason Eugene Peoples

Chad Drye

Gregory M. Hartman

Leonard G. Schenck, Sr.

State of the Lodge

Dear Brothers,

The centennial year for the Order of the Arrow has brought about a lot of new exciting activities and new perspectives on how important our lodge is to our Council.

This summer, several Skyuka Lodge delegates had the opportunity to have unforgettable experiences along with SR-5 at the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University.

A week later, Skyuka Lodge had its largest event of the year, the Summer Ordeal, in which we hosted over 300 Arrowmen. This event was full of fun, service, and recognition. The highlight of the Ordeal weekend was the Centurion Award recognition ceremony and a speech given by past Lodge Advisor and Centurion Award recipient Bob Holmes, who drew attention to how much Skyuka Lodge has changed over the years. More recently, Skyuka Lodge hosted the Fall Fellowship, which provided much-needed service towards the Council camp and laid the foundation for the time capsule to be buried at a future event. Skyuka Lodge now looks forward to hosting the Winter Banquet, which will be in February.

In October, Skyuka Lodge helped out with the Carolina Relief Corps in a service project in Spartanburg, South Carolina that involved loading a semi truck with water bottles to be taken down to areas that needed relief due to the recent floods. Our Lodge plans to continue helping out with Operation Carolina Relief through future projects and supply collections.

Skyuka Lodge has started planning its theme for the 2016 Dixie Fellowship. Before winning the Spirit Award in 2011, Skyuka hadn't won the award for 30 years. In these past few years, our spirit has helped our Lodge grow more than we could have ever imagined. I want to encourage everyone to get as involved as they can in spirit this year, not just for the competition, but for the fun and interconnectedness it brings to our Lodge and to our Section.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Alex Summers
Lodge Chief
Skyuka Lodge



Skyuka Lodge

Centennial History (From the 2015 Dixie Fellowship Rededication Ceremony)

“In June of 1934, the National Council approved the Order of the Arrow as an affiliate to the Boy Scouts of America. Palmetto Council, before this time, had incorporated two other service organizations known as KANAWA and KUNIEA. During or about 1944, upon suggestions by the National Council, Palmetto adopted the service organization now known as the Order of the Arrow. After research into the cultural background of the area, it was decided the Lodge name would be SKYUKA. It would be named after an American Indian who escorted colonial soldiers through the woods of the Green River valley up through what is now Camp Bob Hardin (Previously Camp Palmetto), to the top of a nearby mountain where the soldiers surprised and defeated the unsuspecting Cherokees. Skyuka was later captured by Indians who cut out his tongue and left him to die on the face of a cliff. During the first few years of Skyuka Lodge, there were no volunteer advisors. Franklin Chase, a Field Scout Executive, was selected to be the professional advisor, and he remained in that position for several years before the first Lodge Advisor or Chief. Finally, upon mutual agreement by the lodge and the Palmetto Council Camping Committee, Bill Huskey became the first lay volunteer advisor. He had been in the Order of the Arrow and had knowledge of the duties of such a person. During these years the lodge grew in number and the first brotherhood and Vigil Honor members were inducted into the lodge. The lodge was then able to accept full responsibility for its actions such as ceremonies, induction of new members, the business parts of the lodge, and finally the keeping and maintaining of lodge records. The Lodge decided it had to have its own “patch.” A committee within the organization was formed to develop an emblem. The first lodge patch was a green triangle with an outline of Skyuka Mountain on it. After a while, the Brotherhood members wanted a patch of their own or at least a special Brotherhood patch of some sort. The patch design was the headpiece of the fire ceremonial totem pole of the Kwaticut Indians of British Columbia and Alaska. The lodge advisor had seen this totem pole while serving with the Canadian Army and recommended it to the lodge. It was so colorful that all members accepted it. We know this totem pole design as our own double-headed thunderbird. As a point of interest, Skyuka Lodge members (Brotherhood) ran the first Brotherhood Ceremonies for Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge in Greenville (Blue Ridge Council). Our Lodge is rich in tradition and you should be proud to be a part of its many years of impressive history.”

Centurions

Robert L. Holmes, III

Jon Humphries

Erik Hudson Neely

Thomas Leland Summers

Taylor Thomas

Santee Lodge

State of the Lodge

Dear Brothers,

I can speak for the each and every one of Santee Lodge's Arrowmen when I say that we have had a blast celebrating the Centennial of the Order of the Arrow. A sizable delegation of Arrowmen represented Santee Lodge at the National Order of the Arrow Conference; these gentlemen returned with a renewed spirit of brotherhood, a greater understanding of the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, and with the courage to #DareToDo. Santee Lodge's Centennial Celebration was our Fall Fellowship, which had an unprecedented level of attendance. In addition to our typical fellowship activities of cheerful service, chapter competitions, and fellowship, we celebrated the centennial of the Order of the Arrow with a presentation that outlined the history of the Order of the Arrow, Santee Lodge, and Santee Lodge patches and memorabilia. We also had a reunion of past Lodge Chiefs of Santee Lodge which included introducing them to the lodge, an ice cream social, and a game of Jeopardy between the recent former Lodge Chiefs and the not so recent former Lodge Chiefs; the Lodge Chief Reunion was such an overwhelming success that I intend to continue this as a Santee Lodge tradition.

Over the course of the next hundred years of the Order of the Arrow, Santee Lodge 116 looks forward to keeping the Fire of Cheerful Service burning. We will do this by remaining mindful of our high tradition of the Order of the Arrow, by actively working to increase our membership, and by serving the Pee Dee Area Council and Camp Coker.

In Wimachtendienk,

Adam Gainey
Lodge Chief
Santee Lodge 116
Order of the Arrow



Centennial History (From the 2015 Dixie Fellowship Rededication Ceremony)

“Among the requests received for Order of the Arrow Charters by the National Boy Scouts of America in 1938, one was postmarked Florence, South Carolina. Apparently, Mr. Rucker Newbery had inspired local scouts to become part of the rapidly growing organization of honor campers. The lodge chartered to the Pee Dee Council was the 116th Order of the Arrow Lodge. After a selection period, the name “Santee” was settled upon and duly registered with BSA. The lodge grew slowly, suffering numerous difficulties, which eventually led to a return visit by Mr. Newbery to reorganize the group. After his return, the lodge began to expand and become more involved in the Order and service to the Pee Dee Area Council. Two totems were adopted prior to the middle of the 1950’s. The Carolina Parakeet became the official lodge totem when the first patch was issued in 1955; just before Santee Lodge hosted the Dixie Fellowship for the first time. The actual bird used on the patch was adapted from the Audubon painting of Carolina Parakeets. At this time, the patch sold for fifty cents. At approximately the same time, the first newsletter was published. Its name, The Santee Arrowman, has survived the years and still remains as the title of the current newsletter. On February 28, 1958, the lodge held its first Winter Banquet. Banquets have been held at a variety of locations including Marion, several meeting rooms in Florence, Darlington, Hartsville, Cheraw, Conway, and Sumter. Featured speakers have included the world’s strongest man – Paul Anderson, National Order of the Arrow Chiefs Brad Starr and Jeff Herman, American Indian specialists, and many military, political and community leaders, including Lt. Governor Nick Theodore in 1992. A special feature of the banquet is the presentation of the Santee Lodge Red Arrow Awards for outstanding contributions by non-Arrowmen and Founders Awards to one or two brothers who have given outstanding service and example to the lodge. The lodge’s primary functions are its fellowships, held in the fall, spring, and the end of summer camp. These events have varied in dates and occasionally in location. The Spring Fellowship in March of 1963 was held at the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base. Over the years, the main purposes of these weekends were the induction of new Ordeal members, conducting the Brotherhood and Vigil Honor Ceremonies, and service projects. Like most lodges, Santee Lodge is closely tied to its summer camp, and it spends a great deal of time helping to make improvements to Camp Coker. These projects have included preparatory and repair work to campsites, the re-roofing and repair of many buildings, the construction, maintenance and improvements to the Council Ring and COPE Course, construction of the Dining Hall buttress, restrooms, basketball court and archery and rifle ranges, and numerous bridges, check dams and trails. Santee was the first lodge to conduct an OA member’s only week of summer camp. The tradition began about 1958 when Arrowmen were encouraged to attend the last week of camp to present a special parent’s night program. In the 1960’s, original scripts were written as the parent’s night program evolved into a full-scale production (continued on the next page).”

“Since 1969, only OA members have attended the last week of summer camp with the lodge offering a special program of merit badge sessions and activities. It is at this time that most Ordeal candidates are inducted into the Order. The annual Pageant is presented on Friday night, which also kicks off the Summer Fellowship during which more members are inducted, and officers of the lodge are chosen for the coming year. Over the past sixty years, Santee Lodge 116 has become an active, viable part of the Pee Dee Area Council. Many former youth members of the lodge are still involved in Scouting as Volunteer Leaders. Several members have become professional Scouters and one cannot enter a city, town, or community without finding someone that has been touched by the Lodge. Many members have gone on to become Section Officers and serve with distinction. Jody Clark became the first Santee Lodge member to become a national figure as he was elected Southeast Region Chief. Both he and Mac McLean have been honored with the Distinguished Service Award, the National Order of the Arrow’s highest honor. Lodge Adviser David Surret also holds the DSA from prior service as Section SR-5 Chief, NOAC and NLS Staff member and Region OA Committee member. Members account for about 85% of all Eagle Scouts from the Pee Dee Area Council. Many of the adult members have been awarded the Wood Badge, District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver. At the National Convention in 1995, Santee Lodge was honored as recipient of the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award, one of only eight presented nationally. In the coming months, Santee will also be awarded the same honor for the year of 2015, one of only eight distinguished. For the past several years, Santee Lodge has been honored as a National Honor Lodge. In 2005, Santee Lodge was one of only two lodges in the Southern Region chosen to receive the National Service Award, an award given on the basis of significant service to the home council. Santee Lodge was also awarded the Innovation Award presented to the lodge with the “best practices” for each region in 2014. Our innovations were the various pioneering projects you saw around Dixie 2014 at Camp Coker, with a special thanks to Larry Green for putting in his time and effort. Endowed with this tradition, Santee Lodge is not afraid of initiating new ideas. With its rich memories of the past and vision of the future, Santee Lodge 116 stands ready to play a continuing important role in Scouting in the Pee Dee Area Council.”

Centurions

Howard T. Cullum

Thomas J. Gasque

Robert L. "Robin" Fowler, II

William Brooks Tyson, III

State of the Lodge

2015 has been a great year for Muscogee Lodge and as this year is drawing to a close, Muscogee is just beginning. For 100 years, the Order of the Arrow has stood strong, as the preeminent honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. Each day, Arrowmen around the world give service to others, making lives and hearts more fulfilled as we carry out our unselfish devotion to all. For 73 of those 100 years, Muscogee has delivered the promise of Scouting and the Order to the Midlands of South Carolina, and we look forward to continuing that tradition of unselfish service onward.

In January, we kicked off the centennial year of the Order of the Arrow with our Lodge Banquet. This was a special event that kicked off an exciting year. Our lodge chief at the time, Josiah Peeler, spoke about what the centennial year of the OA was all about and what his expectations for the lodge year were. In March we had our first Ordeal of the year. We inducted 42 new brothers to our Order. We did many projects to get camp ready for summer camp including setting up tents for summer camp and other camp improvement projects. In May, we held our Spring Fellowship. We had just returned from Dixie and had a great time. We continued to prepare for Dixie of next year and most importantly, Summer Camp. At the Fellowship, we helped program areas at Camp Barstow get ready for Summer Camp. We then elected our new leadership for the 2015-2016 lodge year. Stuart Park was elected Lodge Chief and we also elected our Vice Chief of Dixie, Joshua Butts. The year was shaping up to be a good one. Summer Camp came around in June, Camp Barstow only ran three weeks of camp in the 2015 summer. This past summer, camp attendance was low and Brotherhood conversions and call outs were low, but it did not stop Muscogee from striving for excellence. In August, Muscogee went to NOAC. We took our largest contingent that we had ever taken, 50 participants and six staff. At NOAC, Muscogee Lodge took home the title of Ultimate Frisbee Champs for the third NOAC in a row. Caleb Barnes was also one of the Top Five dancers in the Country. It was a great NOAC for Muscogee Lodge. Shortly after we returned, we had the Summer SUPER Fellowship. It started as an Ordeal with 70 candidates and transformed into our centennial event of the year. We had over 260 member of Muscogee Lodge present for this centennial event. Saturday night, Muscogee Lodge had a centennial banquet which recognized the Centurions of Muscogee Lodge. It was a great event and fun was had by all. Muscogee has had a great year and looks forward to many more. Muscogee has one more event this year which is the Fall Fellowship. We look forward to recognizing 12 vigil candidates and having a great time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stuart Park
Muscogee Lodge Chief



Centennial History (From the 2015 Dixie Fellowship Rededication Ceremony)

“June 15, 1942 marked two beginnings for scouting in central South Carolina. One was the official opening of the new Camp Barstow at its Gaston area location. The other beginning was the chartering of Muscogee Lodge #221. By 1944, Muscogee Lodge had grown large enough to finally have 50 candidates to pass their Ordeal. In March of 1947, Muscogee Lodge hosted the first Area Z Conclave meeting at Camp Barstow. For only three dollars, the brothers of Area Z came together for this historic event. In 1955 the lodge issued its first pocket flap which had a notch for the button and was a modification of the first patch. National once again realigned the sections in 1973; when this move took place we entered into Section SE-3B, made up of lodges of South Carolina and part of North Carolina. This new section’s conclave took the nickname from the area to which many of the member lodges had previously belonged, and became known as the ‘Dixie Fellowship.’ On April 26-28, 1985, Muscogee Lodge hosted the Dixie Fellowship at Camp Barstow. The theme celebrated was ‘70 years in the Spirit’ in honor of the seventieth anniversary of the founding of the OA. In 2005, Muscogee hosted Dixie at Camp Barstow after a frantic effort to build new structures for this great event. Currently, Muscogee is celebrating 100 years of brotherhood in our Order and looking forward to another 100 years.”

Centurions

C. Bradley Hutto

Jonathan Hardin

Matthew Forster

Henry C. "Tripp" Clark, III

William Bryant O'Tuel, II

Mason Thomas

Stanley K. Haines, Sr.

Warren W. "Woody" Carothers

Catawba Lodge

State of the Lodge

Brothers,

Just over 64 years ago, Catawba Lodge was founded by 3 prominent members in Mecklenburg County Council, to help impart a passion for the outdoors and Cheerful Service. Ever since then, our lodge has flourished into a prominent member of the Southern Region and the Order of the Arrow. We have been a part of different Sections, but have always left a lasting impact on those groups that we have been a part of.

This year in the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, Catawba Lodge has had a year we will never forget. Not only was it the OA's centennial, it was also the 100th anniversary of our council, Mecklenburg County Council. This celebration was felt not only in our lodge, but around our council as we celebrated 100 years of cheerful service within the Order of the Arrow and throughout scouting in our local area.

In the OA centennial, Catawba Lodge had the privilege to host the 100th anniversary SR-5 Dixie Fellowship at Belk Scout Camp. With over 380 staff members and 1200 attendees, this was one of the biggest conclaves this Section has ever seen. Catawba lodge was proud to serve this past year and have people leave our camp having one of the best experiences in their scouting career.

With the first 100 years of our Order coming to a close, our lodge is proud to join with our fellow brothers in the Order of the Arrow to continue our legacy in serving others through cheerful service and fellowship. With our increasing membership, rising excitement, and a renewed love of our scouting program, we are ready to embark on the next part of our journey together, as brothers in this Order of the Arrow.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Nick Zanzot,
Lodge Chief
Catawba Lodge



Centennial History (From the 2015 Dixie Fellowship Rededication Ceremony)

“Catawba Lodge was founded on June 18th, 1951. It was the second honor society in Mecklenburg County, the first one being the Order of the Pawnee. Catawba Lodge is named after the Catawba Indians. Our totem is a hornet’s nest. The first brothers were John Holland, Gene Grimes, and Fred Van Treece.

We hosted our first Dixie in 1953 with Section 6B. Our first delegation to NOAC was in 1956. In 1961, Catawba Lodge retired its first Golden Arrow. We have had many Section officers with Tanner McFeeters being Section Chief in 2012-2013. We have had 1 Region Chief, Dustin Counts in 2006. In 2016 we will celebrate our 65th anniversary. We are hosting Dixie this year and will be sending a contingent to the centennial NOAC. During its sixty-four years of existence, Catawba Lodge has had a long history of service to scouting and the community. Catawba Lodge was founded on June 18, 1951 in Area 6B by John Holland, Gene Grimes, and Fred Van Treece. Six Arrowmen from Catawba have been awarded the Distinguished Service Award: Olvin Alexander Crenshaw, Jr (1977), Herbert H. Dusty Sparks, Jr. (1981), Nelson Craig Bass (1981), David B. Moody (1986), Frank Sturges (2009), and Dustin Counts (2009).

Nine Catawba Arrowmen have served as Section Chief with 12 others serving on a section level. Dustin Counts has also served as the Southern Region Chief in 2006, and David Moody served as National Conference Vice-Chief of Training in 1983.”

Centurions

Paul Joseph Horton

Lawrence W. Banks, Jr.

Sean P. Fox

Dustin Counts

Mark B. Chapman

Jesse Lee Everidge, Jr.

Olvin Alexander "OA" Crenshaw, Jr.

Carl Eugene Grimes

State of the Lodge

From the Outgoing Lodge Chief:

After I became Lodge Chief, the youth leadership convened to discuss goals for the coming year. We set out to improve three distinct parts of Tsali Lodge operations: service, membership, and events.

1) Service. As a part of the OA, we make up the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. Due in great part to the Indian Affairs program under Lucas Johnson, Tsali Lodge has posted an 89% increase in annual service hours from last year. As you can see in this statistic, the WNC community—of more than just Scouters—feels the effect of Tsali Lodge’s devotion to giving back. In an effort to grow our service platform in the coming year, we have promised the North Carolina State Legislature that we will conduct a service project in all 14 Counties under Tsali Lodge’s footprint.

2) Membership. As of a few weeks ago, we have grown by more than 7% in the past ten months. This feat is credited to each one of our Chapter Chiefs, who held troop elections throughout our Council, and to the youth who helped out at the Lodge’s two Ordeals. During the Ordeal weekends, we inducted over sixty new OA brothers. In the five years I have been part of Tsali Lodge, I have never seen such positive candidates and encouraging Elangomats throughout the Ordeal process. I would like to extend a warm OA welcome to each of our new brothers.

3) Events. Under the leadership of Ryan Grannon, our former Vice-Chief of Program, we have experienced a 72% increase in average event registration. From our Fall and Spring Fellowships to Dixie and NOAC, Tsali Lodge has had a busy year. We emerged victorious in everything from the national championships at NOAC to the egg toss competition at Dixie!

Tsali Lodge has had an incredible year. I am overwhelmingly optimistic about the Lodge’s future and cannot wait to see what the new team of leaders will accomplish.

WWW,
Kiffen Loomis
Lodge Chief Emeritus



Tsali Lodge

Centennial History (From the 2015 Dixie Fellowship Rededication Ceremony)

“In 1938, Arrowmen of Bob White Lodge 87 in Augusta, GA chartered Tsali Lodge 134 of Daniel Boone Council in Asheville, NC. The Lodge was named after the Cherokee Chief Tsali who sacrificed his own life so those of his people could remain in the Appalachian Mountains. Web Stacey was the Lodge’s first Chief.

In the coming decades, Tsali Lodge grew in number, and gave its first Vigil Honor to William Roth, a future recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. In 1964, Tsali Lodge hosted its first Dixie Fellowship at Camp Daniel Boone. The Fellowship’s theme was ‘Catch the Higher Vision.’ In 1983, the Lodge awarded its first two Founder’s Awards and in 1988, the Lodge celebrated its 50th Anniversary. In 1998, due to extensive flash flooding, Tsali Lodge was forced to give up hosting the annual Dixie Fellowship. In 2000, Tsali Lodge hosted the Dixie Fellowship ‘Your Journey Is Just Beginning’ at Camp Daniel Boone. A year later, the Lodge launched its first online webpage.

Between 2006 and 2012, Tsali Lodge earned six medals for Indian Affairs at the NOAC. The Lodge was named ‘Lodge of the Year’ for the SR-5 Section in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.”

Centurions

Daniel Little

Harry H. Summerlin

Cameron A. Barnett

Travis B. Broadhurst

Chris B. Burke

Kevin J. Elliott

Bill Dyar

Harry C. Frick

Unali'yi Lodge

State of the Lodge

Unali'yi Lodge has come a long way in the centennial year of 2015. We are cheerful to be back on the national level with American Indian Affairs and being a standing figure at the section level. Each and every one of our brothers is excited for the future of our lodge and the next century. This is our recap of our accomplishments in 2015. To kick off the year, our lodge had Spring Fellowship on February 27th through March 1st. Most of our Spring Fellowship is dedicated to preparing for Dixie Fellowship in April. Unali'yi Lodge came in full force with over 100 participants attending Dixie on the weekend of April 24th. The amount of improvement as a lodge was phenomenal after earning many awards during the function. Starting off with the morning events, we earned 1st place for Training with the subject of "OA Involvement in Cub Scouting". During the same time, our lodge's Joseph Hart won 3rd place Nutiket in the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony. Following the morning events, we pulled in 1st place for Tug-O-War. Going into the afternoon with Quest events, we won 1st place Knot Tying and 2nd place Ultimate Frisbee. Our largest presence during the function was with AIA. We had several place in Parade of Braves and Individual. To add on to this, we walked away with 2nd place awards with both Team Sing and Group Dance. Lastly of the smaller competitions, we won 1st place Where to Go Camping Guide. On the Section level, we had Hunter Gable serve as the AIA Chairman and Taylor 'LT' Everard elected as the new Section Secretary. We were a Section Honor Lodge due to our presence at the function and the collective efforts of our brothers which also led us to being awarded Lodge of the Year.

After Dixie, we have an Ordeal in May and one in September to prepare and clean up after the Summer Camp season. Our Summer Camp season at Camp Ho Non Wah is jam packed with OA involvement on Thursdays during each week of camp. We hang our lodge flag for the day after merit badge sessions end in the afternoon the events begin. Thursdays are also family day so everyone participates in the afternoon activities. Members of the lodge run a hotdog stand that funds for the restoration of the plantation house on property to become our new Lodge Museum and meeting place. Following dinner, our Drum and Sing Team host a show of exhibition style dance with intertribal songs and a twostep song to involve the crowd. Topping off the night, our Ceremonies Team hold a tap out ceremony at the evening campfire. In conclusion to our camping involvement, we presented our second consecutive earning of the E. Umer Goodman Camping Award at camp during the Council Executive Meeting. Towards the end of the summer, we hosted our annual LLD for the LEC of our lodge to learn more about the Order and how it works. As a Lodge, we made a larger presence at NOAC than in the past. We had 52 members of our lodge participate as either staff or part of the contingent. These spirited Arrowmen rallied support for our lodge as they competed in various competitions – Beau Bischoff won 3rd Place in Long Jump, Chub 'n Tuck won the Amazing Race, and our Ultimate Frisbee team made it to the Semifinals – placing 4th out of 320 lodge teams. Ten individual dancers competed in Individual Dance Competition – which is the most our lodge has had compete in Individual Dance Competition at NOAC in some time. Six of our Dancers made it to the Semifinals, Jamie Southard and Alex Barton made it to the top 10 with Alex placing 4th in Fancy Dance. Our sing team placed 6th and with the help of our entire Lodge Delegation our lodge competed in Historical Group Dance for the first time in 15 years placing 2nd and receiving the Award for Most Authentic Group Dance.

Last of all, the major lodge events of the year are the Fall Fellowship and Banquet which were hosted on the weekend of December 4th. The attendance was reaching over 240 participants. Most of our brothers recognize this event as the one with the best meals in size and quality. Friday night, we had an oyster roast with a seafood dinner. Banquet night following on Saturday consisted of a three course meal hosted by the already bestowed Vigil honor brothers. We recognized 10 new Vigil brothers and 9 Centurions for the service given back to the lodge, council, and community. In addition, we recognized two new Founders Award recipients, Ethan Spence and Andy Gable. As we close this year, our lodge is ecstatic and ready to bring in the new century of the OA, for the best is yet to come.

Yours in WWW,
Alex Jernigan
Unali'yi Lodge Chief

Centennial History (From the 2015 Dixie Fellowship Rededication Ceremony)

“For nearly 75 years, Unali’Yi Lodge 236 has cheerfully served the Coastal Carolina Council of the Boy Scouts of America, headquartered in Charleston, SC. Here is a brief look at some of our historical highlights: The lodge is founded in May 1943 after our founder, “Chief” J. Rucker Newbery, is hired as Scout Executive of the council. Newbery was a former OA Area Leader for Region 6, responsible for organizing many of the OA lodges in the Region. Our initial Ordeal was held at Camp Ho Non Wah on May 14-16. Thirty-three candidates went through this first Ordeal, under the guidance of six brothers from Tomo-Chi-Chi Lodge #119 of Savannah, GA. The lodge name was derived from the Lenape language translated as “Place Where Friends Gather.” HNW Camp Director Jerome Moskow was appointed as our first Lodge Chief. 1948 was a busy year for our lodge. That year, we hosted our first Area Fellowship, the Area Z Meeting, at HNW. We also sent a delegation to the first NOAC where Newbery received the OA Distinguished Service Award. That year, Newbery wrote and compiled the first OA Handbook which was printed in Charleston. In 1952, the lodge hosted its second area fellowship, this time being a member of Area 6B. This weekend had tremendous historical significance as it was the first to be called “The Dixie Fellowship.” Ironically enough, the lodge was moved out of Area 6B (the Dixie Fellowship) the following year to begin a twenty year run in Area 6C. The lodge hosted successful 6C fellowships in 1958, 1964, and the final 6C in 1972. From the very beginning the lodge has had an active Native American program (continued on the next page).”

“In 1961-1962, the lodge came to the financial aid of the council. There were plans to dig a lake at Camp HNW as the ever changing tides of Bohicket Creek were considered too dangerous for rowing and canoeing. The lodge dance team put on a series of public performances these two years with the proceeds going to the lake project. Several thousand dollars was raised and Lake McGee became a reality. In 1968, the lodge undertook its most ambitious project, the blazing of the Swamp Fox Trail, a 26 mile trek through the Francis Marion National Forest. Designated a BSA Historical Trail, it would take around three years to complete. Over the years, hundreds of scouts and scouters hiked the trail earning the patch and medal. In the 1970s, the lodge strengthened itself administratively with the establishment of working committees, additional lodge officers, the organization of lodge chapters, and the publication of regular newsletters, plan books, and camping books. We began using the Elangomat Clan System in 1979. In 1973, we returned to the Dixie Fellowship. In 1977, we hosted the 25th Anniversary of the Dixie Fellowship with OA founder Dr. E. Urner Goodman as our special guest. In 1985, the Tacha Kan To Kan Dance Team (Dancers of the Deer) was born. Over the next two decades, this team would make its mark on both the Dixie Fellowships and the National Conferences. At the Dixie Fellowships, we won several group dance awards, dozens of individual dance and outfit awards, and 15 consecutive sing team wins. At NOAC, we won the Wulit Award (Best Native American Program) in 1992 and the national Sing Team championship in 2000. In 1991, the lodge began renovating the old camp ranger house at Camp HNW into J. Rucker Newbery Memorial Lodge. The project was conceived, designed, financed, and constructed completely by lodge members. The project was dedicated at our 50th anniversary weekend in May 1993 with over 300 past and present lodge members and guests in attendance. In 2002, we were honored to host the 50th anniversary of the Dixie Fellowship. The following year, we established the Unali’Yi Lodge Hall of Fame. New members are induced into the hall at the end of each decade. As we are now in the 100th anniversary year of our Order, we won the E. Urner Goodman Camping Award for the second consecutive year. We’ll be taking over 100 delegates to the Dixie Fellowship and taking our largest delegation ever to NOAC. In 2018, we will celebrate our 75th anniversary. We are a lodge proud of our history and looking forward to cheerfully serving for another 75 years.”

Centurions

J. Rucker Newbery

Rusty Riddle

Daniel Barton

Kevin Kramer

James Barton

Ryan Smith

Patrick Meyerink

David Barton

Craig Whitfield



State of the Lodge

The Order of the Arrow's centennial has been an exciting year for Atta Kulla Kulla. We started it all off with our Lodge Leadership and Development Conference where we had six different training sessions with themes ranging from American Indian Activities to "Why Should I Run for Office?". Our LLD was concluded with a miniature gateway building competition followed by our Executive Committee Meeting where we voted on our 2015 Dixie Theme. The next big event on our calendar was our Spring Fellowship. We had great food, fun, and fellowship with over 100 of our brothers. One of the highlights of this Fellowship was our version of capture the flag, where we tagged one another by hitting each other with a sock filled with a cup of flour. This game allowed for an hour of powdery, exhausting fun.

Shortly following our Spring Fellowship was the Dixie Fellowship. Over 100 of our Arrowmen traveled to Camp Belk, just outside of Charlotte, to take part in our Section's Conclave. We all had a great time seeing our brothers from other Lodges as well as competing against them in different events. This year, our awards included 1st place newsletter, 2nd place planbook, 1st place website, 1st place Lodge display, 2nd place cross country, 2nd place rope throw, 3rd place chariot race, and 2nd place overall Pre-Ordeal ceremony. We were even able to successfully defend our 1st place fire building title, being the only Lodge to complete the challenge in the damp circumstances. By far the best part of Dixie for most of us was dominating in the spirit competition. Our theme this year was Canada, and we didn't hold back. AKK's spirit ranged from our shirts with Canadian leaves on them, to Canadian flags, lots of plaid, a megaphone which we used to project the National Anthem and even a bottle or two of maple syrup. We were loud, proud, and sometimes passive aggressive, at every assembly. We truly had a blast. It was exciting to see so many fellow Lodges impressed with our theme. We cannot wait to bring the heat again in 2016.

During the summer, our Lodge hosted the Wednesday night shows. We entertained the campers and their families every week throughout the entire summer. Over the course of the summer, we also held our Ordeals. Each Friday, our Elangomats and Ordeal candidates worked tirelessly to improve and maintain Camp Old Indian. Every Tuesday night, a Brotherhood ceremony was held to help our brothers seal their membership in the Order. During the summer we had our Lodge Cookout and Vigil Call-Out. That evening, we recognized our 4 youth and 4 adult Vigil candidates and held a banquet for them, their friends, and their families.

NOAC was phenomenal! We brought a contingent of about 60 Arrowmen to Michigan State for the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference. Our brothers had a great time attending the evening shows, different training sessions, trading patches, taking part in all of the events, and mainly growing closer as friends. I believe that all of us were inspired in some way, shape, or form by the NOAC theme "It Starts With Us", which encouraged us to be the positive change that our world so desperately needs. At NOAC, 2 of our brothers received the Distinguished Service award, joining the 6 Arrowmen who received the Centurion award making 2015 a very impressive year for Atta Kulla Kulla.

Fall Fellowship was a huge success. With over 200 Arrowmen present, we made the weekend the best that it could be. Upon arrival our youth were given the opportunity to play on inflatables that were brought in by a local company. Between the inflatables and our big opening campfire, the weekend was off to a good start. We spent most of the morning covering up the old trail to our ceremony circle, while working on completing the new one. In addition, our ceremonial fire pit was dug out and restored to prepare it for many more years of use. While these projects were taking place, an AIA session was in full swing.

Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge

Our guys spent over an hour practicing many different drum songs to get them hyped up for the coming year. Immediately following lunch, we debuted our time capsule which will be buried at our 2016 Spring Fellowship. Some of the contents include letters written by the current Officers to the Lodge Officers of 2040, rare patches, and even a hand-made scroll signed by all Arrowmen in attendance. During the afternoon the Chapters each led creative Quest Events ranging from team limbo, log rolling, to even a gift wrapping competition! After all of the different competitions had come to an end, many of the guys played on our 75 ft. Slip 'n Slide which was made to help celebrate our Lodge's 75th anniversary. We concluded the eventful afternoon with an exciting game of "Kiddie Pool Kickball". That evening, our Lodge elections were held. An outstanding group of individuals were elected to lead our Lodge during the year of 2016.

In conclusion, I would like to say how honored I am to be leading such a talented, devoted, service-driven group Lodge Officers. The following is a list of Lodge goals which we intend to use to propel Atta Kulla Kulla in the next century of service.

As the Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge Officers, we intend to improve our Lodge in the following ways:

- Invest in our Lodge Chairmen and their committees and encourage all of our Arrowmen to get involved. In this way they can contribute their talents and passions to help better the Lodge.
- Continue to increase the participation in Lodge events by giving them exciting themes that will hopefully cater to what our brothers would like to participate in.
- Keep all of our Arrowmen up to date on events by utilizing different social media outlets, text alerts, and monthly video updates.
- Improve the American Indian Activities program by working to revamp the Drum team, excel in Dance and Ceremonies, as well as grow closer as a group.
- Strive to increase Chapter meeting attendance by aiding our Chapter Chiefs in any way we can.
- Develop our Ordeal program by forming small groups led by Elangomats. Our brothers will be encouraged to keep in contact with their candidates and guide them along their way to sealing their membership in the Order of the Arrow.
- Revitalize our Brotherhood Questioning to insure that we provide our brothers with the best program possible.
- Continue to strengthen ties with other Lodges in order to get new ideas on how to make Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185 the best that it can be.

Yours in Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, and Witahemui,

Ben Rosenberger
Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge Chief



Centennial History (From the 2015 Dixie Fellowship Rededication Ceremony)

“75 years ago, the Blue Ridge Council chartered Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge in 1940 with the first induction conducted by Tsali Lodge.

Our brothers of the past chose the whippoorwill to serve as the Lodge’s totem with the namesake of Chief Attakullakulla, the legendary peace chief of the Cherokee people.

Ever since its inception, our Lodge flap is one of the few remaining in the nation to stay the same. In 1944, we assisted in the formation of Skyuka Lodge and conducted their first ceremonies.

Throughout our history, our Lodge has seen many outstanding individuals including many who would go on to serve as leaders in the section, region, and the nation.

Today, we are still proud to be a part of SR-5 and we will continue to reflect on our history as we move forward into the next century of cheerful service.”

Centurions

Timothy Hunt

Arthur F. McLean, III

Michael L. Thompson

David M. Buchanan

Price Matthew Watson

James Michael Stokes



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